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UK - South Africa: London is determined to resume arms sales to South Africa for maritime defense purposes and intends to make a public statement to this effect around 20 July. In talks with Secretary Rogers last weekend, Foreign Secretary Sir Alec Douglas-Home strongly presented Britain's case, based on the Simonstown naval base agreement of 1955 and the UK's assessment of the strategic importance of the Cape of Good Hope route. South African officials have made clear that they will seek a revision of that agreement to make more explicit the quid pro quo relationship between use of the Simonstown base by the Royal Navy and the supply of arms to South Africa.

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